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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF:	)	
CONTAG, <i>et al.</i>	)	EXAMINER: V. Ryan
SERIAL NO.: 08/844,336	)	ART UNIT: 1641
FILED: April 18, 1997	)	
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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action in the above-referenced application, mailed 5 June 2000. The response date, with two-month extension, falls on Sunday, 5 November 2000. Accordingly, the response date is Monday, 6 November 2000. A two-month extension of time to respond is requested, and the fee therefor accompanies this paper. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 18-1648 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 which may be required by this paper. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

**REMARKS**

**Introductory Comments**

Claims 1-9 and 21-27 are pending. Claims 10-20 are withdrawn from consideration.  
Claims 1-9 and 21-27 stand rejected.

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